Application No. Applicant(s) 09/530.719 YAMAURA, TADASHI Interview Summary Art Unit Examiner 2654 ABUL K. AZAD All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (3)SHIGEO KISHIMOTO. (1) ABUL K. AZAD. (4)_____. (2) JASON W. RHODES (REG. NO. 47,305). Date of Interview: 24 March 2004. Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e)⊠ No. If Yes, brief description: . Claim(s) discussed: 19. Identification of prior art discussed: KONDO et al.. Agreement with respect to the claims f) \boxtimes was reached. g) \square was not reached. h) \square N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant's representative presents his arguments that prior art fails to show noise level is evaluated based on the decoded gain of a coded gain level. The examiner agrees with the applicant's representative . (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims

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allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims

allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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